

Bloomfield Record.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1874.

Proceedings of the Township Committee.

The newly elected members met at their rooms on Friday evening and organized by unanimously selecting Mr. J. C. Beach as Chairman, who appointed the standing Committees as follows:

On Roads—Messrs. Reford, Van Houten and Richards.

On Side Walks, Cross Walks and Lamps—Messrs. Sherman and Potter.

On Poor—Messrs. Richards and Van Houten.

On Public Grounds.—Messrs. Oakes and Sherman.

On Contingencies—Messrs. Oakes, Richards, and Reford.

An informal discussion of various matters relating to town affairs took place, which served as a kind of induction of the new members into office.

In the matter of lamps, Mr. Richards moved that the schedule for lighting be referred to the committee on lamps for revision, which was adopted.

A motion was also adopted to call a meeting of the taxpayers to meet at designated places in their respective sidewalk districts on Monday, March 30th, to vote money for sidewalk grading purposes.

Mr. Potter moved that W. K. Williamson, Esq. be requested to act as Town Counsel. It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Williamson be designated and retained as such counsel for the current year.

Mr. Potter presented a petition signed by Jas. W. Baldwin, Jas. M. Chalmers and others, asking that a new polling district be set off from the present one, to comprise that part of the township north of the Montclair Railway.

Mr. Reford moved to refer the matter to the town counsel, and that report be made at the next meeting, which was adopted.

Mr. Sherman moved that the meetings of the township committee be held on the 2d and 4th Fridays of each month, at 3 P. M. Carried.

Mr. Reford moved that the Committee on Contingencies be instructed to obtain bound copies of the State Laws from 1865 to 1874, also to collect and classify all special laws relating to Bloomfield since the formation of the Township. Adopted.

Mr. Oakes presented a request from the Collector that Mr. S. E. Perry be appointed as one of the Constables. Deferred until the next meeting.

Dr. C. H. Bailey was named and appointed as Township Physician for the current year.

The bonds and sureties of the following named officers, recently elected, were received and accepted:

Joseph K. Oakes, as Assessor.

Ira Campbell, as Collector.

Joseph K. Oakes as Surveyor of Highways.

J. M. Walker, as Overseer of the Poor.

Geo. W. Perry, and Moses Davis, as Constables.

What the Satanic Press "Don't Know."

1. That the county election occurs on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each year.

2. That Washington's Birthday is a legal holiday.

3. That there is no "Controller," Comptroller, or Chamberlain for the County, but simply a "Collector" (who, by the way, lives in the "Gem of the Hills.")

4. That a "synopsis" (of the different financial accounts) is "too thin" a word, considering an after acknowledgement that they were "transcripts" (which "thickens" the matter.)

5. That the famous "harp" of "over \$80,000" has a "string" of \$20,054.31 uncollected taxes, which is now reduced some what—(this we hear but don't know.)

6. That

After vacue "surmising,"

It is really "surmising,"

"to learn," that John Archdeacon's real estate and rent-roll extends to Dodd's Stable yard.

Quite a delegation of gentlemen from Montclair and Bloomfield have been to Trenton this week to look after their respective interests in the bill introduced by Mr. Morrow to spread the Bloomfield Ave. assessment upon the two townships. The bill came up on Tuesday, but was defeated, receiving but eight votes. Mr. Kirk made an eloquent speech in opposition to it. Messrs. Halsey and Doremus, also opposed it, offering the remonstrances which were so numerously signed throughout the townships.

The House of Representatives on Monday voted to increase the paper currency of the country to \$100,000,000. The most influential newspapers of the country earnestly denounce the policy of inflation thus inaugurated, and the solid business men of the land are almost a unit in opposing a scheme which has for its supporters few others than speculative brokers and financiers.

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Motes and Beams.

MR. EDITOR: I observe that the seer of the *Saturday Gazette*, who has undertaken the task of supervising the affairs and town officers of Bloomfield has discovered a mare's nest in the late report of the Town Committee. Through sundry "understandings," various "surmises," and patient thumbings of the report, he is able to arrive, and takes it for granted that the rest of the universe arrives, at the sage conclusion that the accounts "most clearly indicate a very loose and unsafe way of keeping and accounting for the large sum of money (over \$80,000) paid into the hands of town officers by its citizens and tax payers."

If he would but thumb the report again he might possibly discover that the footing up of the Tax Duplicate, (\$4,863.74) doesn't represent *all* money but cars and dogs, in the shape of delinquent taxes, etc., to the tune of twenty thousand dollars. Then he has been informed that "neither the collector's nor any other of the accounts were *audited*," and expatiates at great length upon the "\$3,000 Poor Account," the "\$3,500 Contingent," the "\$10,000 Road Appropriation," the "\$1,500 Sidewalk," etc., etc., and concludes by the query: "These are only *a few* of the (un-supervised, un-counterchecked, un-audited) accounts, but are they not *enough* to make good our position that they are loosely kept?"

I am sure they are "enough," but not so sure as to the assertion and position that they are kept in a "loose" manner. If the wits of West End had taken the trouble to attend the stated meetings of the Town Committee he would have discovered that it is the invariable custom of the Board to supervise and audit all bills and claims presented, relating to the various accounts. A single instance will suffice to show that considerable pains are taken to protect the tax payers from imposition and generally to insure a careful and economical administration. At the meeting held Dec. 12, 1873, an account amounting to \$20 was presented for advertising in the Caldwell-Verona-Montclair paper. It was thought the bill was then referred to the proper committee for examination. The publisher of the peer of the suburban newspapers was waited on and admitted an over-charge of five dollars, which he deducted. At the next meeting an order was drawn for the amount of the bill as reduced, and the account ordered closed.

If those who are so zealous to call in question the integrity and faithfulness of others would practice virtue more and preach morality less themselves, their public services would be more generally appreciated. Speaking of preaching, Matt. vii. 5. might be suggested as a text which could be turned to profitable account.

PUBLICAN.
Patent Leather City.

Bloomfield has taken a giant stride forward the past winter in building improvements. If one don't think so let him visit the above. It comprises what was last year the Patent Leather Works. Now the factory buildings have all been razed, and the site gridironed with streets and a young city of forty brick and frame stores and dwellings have arisen as if by magic. They are built in blocks of from six to fourteen. The largest and most imposing structure is on Franklin street—has a pressed brick front, with stone and iron sills and lintels to the windows, the whole surmounted with the inevitable mansard roof, making three floors above the cellar. Half the block is planned for stores which are rapidly approaching completion, so that ere long we may expect to record numerous sales and leases.

On Race street another block of two story brick houses have gone up on the spot formerly occupied by the Tannery a street is laid out. Here a row of frame tenements have been built, and are about ready for occupancy. Further eastward, upon the Horse car avenue, another long block of brick buildings are approaching completion. Then there is a large factory of some kind which we did not have time to visit. Mr. O'Leary is doing a big thing in the way of building up Bloomfield. May his name and fame be perpetuated in history. We believe he has left a few unnumbered spots. They will do to fill in the hotels, churches, theaters, etc. which are always found in well-regulated communities.

The citizens residing north of the Montclair Railroad, as will be noted by reference to the Town Committee proceedings, are moving for a division of the present polling district. The advantage of such a measure must be apparent to all who were present at the counting of the ballots cast at the late election, which occupied over six hours. We hope the Town Committee will favorably consider the petition.

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The Coterie.

Tuesday evening last closed a series of Literary and Dramatic entertainments in our village. These gatherings have been given under the auspices of "The Coterie," a galaxy of ladies and gentlemen, numbering about seventy-five persons. The Coterie has gathered into its ranks some of the finest mental ability in Bloomfield, as well as obtained for its members persons of high attainments in the divine Art. Amateur Dramatists also, of well proven merit, have added much to the pleasure of the meetings, which have occurred twice each month.

It were vain for the writer to attempt a description of all the doings at these assemblages: various in their kind, they have been as different in their performance. No failures have attended any one of the many efforts that have been made to render attractive and pleasant each meeting.

Thought, that medium which "is mightier than the sword," discussions upon various social and literary topics have been most ably argued. These subjects have been debated in *essays*, as well as anonymously, in "The Budget." The Budget is a paper that has been issued at each meeting. Through its columns any person who may have inclined has had the liberty of presenting his or her thoughts in the music of rhyme, or less musical prose.

Of the dramatic ability possessed by a portion of the Coterie, I hardly need speak. Their praises are in all the town, and the laurels which they have already won, we can hope, will be faduous.

There has, however, been one particularly noticeable feature connected with this association. The specificity to which I refer has been the note of many, who have been our guests upon various occasions. Strangers of culture and refinement have been attracted from far and near, adding by their presence a large share to the social enjoyment of the Club. These persons are of large experience as well as of extended travel, in this country not only, but in foreign lands. Persons who have admired the beauty of our southern ladies. Those who are well conversant with the noble women of New England. Those who have chatted and laughed with the "beauties" who dwell at the "Golden Gate," on the Pacific's slope; and persons who have become familiar with the women of Europe, and the East. In vain have these strangers sought for such pulchritude as is found in quiet Bloomfield.

The "farewell Coterie," was given at the residence of Mr. Jay L. Adams, where the utmost courtesy and hospitality was extended to each person present. The programme was quite lengthy. It consisted of a piano solo, rendered in a manner highly creditable, to the performer. The *Budget* contained six articles; each of such unquestionable merit that it were hardly justice to any of the writers that one should be mentioned, as being more deserving of praise than any other. Still the Secretary who read the correspondence acted wisely in saving until the last *the best*. It was the "Lay of the Last Minstrel," a short article but displaying great esprit.

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The Fair given by the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church had its opening last evening, and was a grand success. The rooms were tastefully decorated, and adorned with rare plants, and were crowded with visitors until a late hour. The restaurant was made exceedingly attractive. A profusion of beautiful flowers, an exquisite basket of the same in wax, and a large assortment of plain and fancy articles were offered for sale. "The Old Oak Bucket" gave refreshment to all. "The House that Jack built" was an unfailing source of interest to the crowds of children who visited it. "Grandmother," and the "Art Gallery," received the admiring attention which they deserved, and the "Apple Woman" kept a merry audience around her stand. We think these various attractions have made this one of the most successful entertainments of the season.

Orange was visited by a disastrous fire on Monday night which broke out in Fell & Brennan's hat shop, on New street. Spreading, it reached Shamrock Hall, a tall building occupied by nine families and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The loss was about \$10,000, partially insured. It was thought the fire was caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

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Ladies' Relief Society.

A meeting of the officers and managers of the Ladies' Relief Committee of Bloomfield will be held at the residence of Mrs. Jason Crane, on Thursday, April 2, at 3 P. M. MRS. R. N. DODD, Sec.

Treasurer's Report for week ending March 24th 1874.

Received from Wm J. Madison, orders for meat, \$5.00

Disbursements, \$18.50.

Miss A. L. WARD, Treas.

The Second General Meeting of the Scientific Department of the Mabel Association was held at the residence of Mr. J. H. Rundell last Friday evening. The company was a very pleasant one. Several of the ladies present sang some of Mendelssohn's part songs. The essay of the evening was on Tea, Coffee and Tobacco, and related the natural history of these plants as well as their use in modern society. An extract from a recent scientific article on the habits of serpents brought the exercises to a close.

The tax payers of the township will meet in their respective sidewalk districts on Monday, March 30th, at 7.30 P. M. to decide by vote how much shall be raised by tax for grading sidewalks for coming year. No 1, Stone House Plains, meet at the School House, No. 2, south of Bay Lane, west of canal and east of Bloomfield ave, meet at Friendship Hall. No. 3, east of canal, meet at Cyrus Pierce's Store. No 4, west (or southwest) of Bloomfield ave, meet at D. L. & W. R. R. Depot.

At the request of Mr. W. R. Hall, the votes were re-counted on Tuesday evening last, on account of the close vote between two of the candidates for Overseer of the Poor. The counting was performed by the Judge of Election Mr. John Hall, assisted by Messrs. Oakes, Campbell, and Folsom. The result was a reduction of Mr. Walker's majority to two votes, the revised count standing as follows: J. M. Walker, 203; W. R. Hall, 207.

Philip McCarty, a resident of Belleville and well known in Bloomfield, was killed in the Bergen cut last Wednesday while walking on the track to Marion, where he intended to take a Midland train for Woodside. Deceased was seventy-two years old, and had gathered quite a little fortune—some \$30,000, by his occupation, which was that of a cow-broker.

The Missionary Society of the Westminster School will hold its regular quarterly meeting on Sunday evening next, commencing at 7 o'clock. The exercises will consist of singing, scriptural exercise on faith, reading reports etc.

C. W. Powers, Jr., will open for business on the first of April next at the original Lumber yard (late Wm. Nason's) at the foot of Beach street, near the Montclair Railroad Station, where he will keep a full assortment of lumber worked for building purposes, also the best quality of coal.

Rev. A. H. Bradford, pastor of the Montclair Congregational church will probably exchange pulpits, for a few months during the summer, with Rev. J. D. Eaton, of the Congregational church of Portland Oregon.

Judging from the success of the Arcadian Dramatic Association in Newark, we predict a crowded house in the Lecture Hall on Friday next. See Advertisement.

DEED.
SLATEBACK.—In Bloomfield, March 19th. Little May, daughter of William and Addie Slateback, aged 11 months and 19 days.

WILL.—In East Orange, March 19th. Lucy E. Bull, aged 40 years.

KENT.—In Bloomfield, March 16. Sylvester Kent, aged 66 years. Also, March 22d, Jane Kent, wife of Sylvester Kent, aged 68 years.

BLAIR.—In Franklin, March 22d, Joseph Blair, aged 34 years.

A GRAND

ENTERTAINMENT,

BY THE

Arcadian Dramatic Association,

OF NEWARK, AT THE

Lecture Room of the Presby. Church,

On Friday Evening April 3d, under the auspices of

the Presby. Church.</p